

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass As Amended and Be Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 1 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Reardon, Whisnant, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	Parrish
<b>Exc.:</b>	Sprenger
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/22, 2/27, 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs education programs to submit class size information to the Department of Education. Directs Department of Education to make the information available to the public on its website.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Cost to districts due to additional reporting requirements
- Fiscal impact of bill and what can be paid using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds
- Impact of large class sizes on students and learning
- Purpose of dash one amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Directs the State Board of Education to identify by rule the definition of what constitutes a class; the definition of what constitutes a regular assignment of teachers to students; the categories of classes; and if possible, the source of data used.

**BACKGROUND:** The current law requires state education programs to provide information to the Department of Education about the number of students in the core curriculum. This measure changes the language to direct the education programs to submit information about the total number of students in classes.